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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1904.

The Triumph of Fusion. By vote of 33 to 21 the Democratic caucus of the House of Delegates tabled Nangemond, to exclude from seats in that body Messrs. E. W. Owens and W. G. Parker, the Fusion members from Norfolk county, in spite of the fact that these members were elected on a mixed ticket composed of Fusionists and Republicans; in spite of the fact that they set at defiance the decision of the State Central Committee; in spite of the fact that Mr. Owens acted as chairman of the party in Norfolk county, when the State Central Committee had decided that Mr. Jones was the chairman; in spite of the fact that the great body of Democrats in Norfolk county protested against the action of these Fusionists and against their recognition as Democrats in the General Assembly; in spite of the fact that every Democratic member from the Second District was opposed to their recognition; in spite of the fact that, save one, every Democratic newspaper in the Second District that has spoken, has also protested, thirty-three Demo cratic members of the House voted in favor of admitting Messrs. Owens and Parker into a full affiliation, and they are now received as though they had been elected on the regular Democratic

Although the State Central Committee recognized the Straightouts, a majority of the Democratic members of the House recognized the Fusionists, and by that recognition have sanctioned the course of these members and sanctioned the entire Fusion movement in Norfolk county. It was a great victory for the Fusionists, and it was a terrible defeat for the Straightouts. It is encouragement to the Fusionists to keep up the fight. It is notice to the Straighout Democrats that if they want to be on the winning side; if they want to elect members of the General Assembly; if they want to have a hand in selecting the county officers, they had better abandon their regular organization, which has been recognized by the State Central Committee, and go over bag and baggage to the Fusionists.

For a long time The Times-Dispatch took no part whatever in this contest. It seemed to us to be a local affair and we gave offence to at least one prominent Democrat in the State by declining to print a communication from him in denunciation of Fusionism on the score, as we have said, that we regarded it as a local fight with which we had nothing to do. But when the matter was pressed upon our attention, when it became a natter of general interest, we took the trouble to make a personal in- struction in the public schools of Richvestigation. This investigation was mond, as we gave countenance and aid to a rich maturity, softening his disnosimade in no spirit of partisanship, but simply and solely to ascertain the facts. As a result of this inquiry, the conclusion was forced upon us Fusion in Norfolk county was indefensible: that the occasion for it no longer existed; that it was corrupting and demoralizing and hurtful to the cause of Democracy. We were convinced that the time had come for the Democratic party of the State to discountenance and disown the Fusion faction in Norfolk county and to give recognition and support to the Straightouts. If this course had been pursued by the House caucus, we have no doubt that the Fusion party in Norfolk county would have been heard of no more forever. As it is, the Fusionists have been rallied and strengthened and have triumphed over their opponents. That being the case, we may reasonably expect the Fusion movement in Norfolk county to continue, no matter what the State Central Committee may hereafter decide.

But the decision of the caucus has a much wider scope and application. It puts a premium upon rebellion, and is government and lies as well at the founbid to every little faction of rebellious Democrats to join hands with the Republicans and negroes and put up candidates in opposition to the regular candidates of the party.

We sincerely hope, however, that the decision of the caucus will not have this effect. We sincerely hope that the regular Democrats of Norfolk county, instead of being discouraged and disheartened and demoralized by this decision, will be stimulated to greater endeavor; that they will thoroughly organize themselves and make a stronger fight than ever to rout Postonists and drive them out of power. Theirs is the cause of righteousness, and thrice armed is he whose cause is just

Several days ago we urged upon our griends in the rural districts the impor-

long season of cold and snow. The food supply of the feathered tribe has been cut off, and if kind men and women do not come to their rescue, many of them will starve to death.

Recently, in the town of Stonehenge, Massachusetts, a lover of birds succoded in colleting the sympathy of thirty high school pupils, and this little army of missionaries marched out to the relief of the starving birds. The boys cleaned off the snow here and there and spread a feast of grain and crumbs for the birds, and in order to provide for such as lived on insects, bits of fat were hung upon the branches of the trees.

The birds seemed to understand at once what their friends were up to, and hovered about the boys, ready to pounce upon the feast as soon as it should be spread.

It was a beautiful work, and every boy who took part in it was blessed. We commend the example to the boys and girls of Alchmond.

Safety in Public Halls.

In an ordinance which has been prepared by the Board of Fire Commissioners of thi seity, that body asks for enlarged powers with which to prevent fires and panies in theatres, public halls, churches, schools and other buildings of a public or semi-public character.

There is already a city law on the subject, but it is not sufficient; hence the board asks for greater powers, and it should have them. The responsibility is upon it, and the public will hold it to a strict accountability in case of a disaster that could have been prevented. the resolution offered by Mr. Withers, of But if the Council neglect or refuse to give the board the authority it needs, then the responsibility will be upon the Councll, not upon the board.

It is proposed that there shall be plenty of doors and windows in every building coming under the terms of the ordinance, and that they shall open out-The practice of putting chairs, sofas or benches in aisles or passage ways, or of allowing persons to stand in the aisles is to be strictly prohibited. The board is to be authorized and instructed to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as, in its judgment. may be deemed proper and necessary to provide for the safety of life and limb. In buildings in which any considerable number of persons gather, it is contemplated that the board shall warn the owners, or managers, or trustees of such buildings to correst faults that the board may point out. If such notice has been served by the board, and not obeyed fines will be imposed. But in the event that this ordinance is violated to such an extent as to cause the board to have apprehension for the safety of the pub lic, it is required to report the facts to the Mayor, and it will become his duty to close any such building until such corrections have been made. Further detalk are left in the control of the board. In the light of the sad experience at the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago, it would seem that the first prerequisite to safety in a theatre is a fireproof curtain. The asbestos curtain is now pretty generally distrusted. A steel curtain is preferred. Fireproof acenery is another good precaution. Nor is it possible not to condemn that sort of theatre architecture which provides for steep seats in the galler es, and which permits outlets that

may be easily choked. All these things, we have no doubt, the Richmond Board of Fire Commission-

ers will consider, and consider well. Nor let it forget that the greatest thing with which to put out fire is water plenty of water! And the surest provision for furnishing water is to have always eady a fireman, with hose in hand; the hose attached to a big water pipe. In some cities the automatic sprinkler, armuch approved, but in our judgment nothing equals-nothing can equal-in value a big stream of water directed from nose by an experienced fireman.

The Kindergarten.

As this paper was responsible in part for the introduction of kindergarten in to the movement when it was first inaugurated and when it was not popular, we are, greatly gratified that kindergarten schools which have been established have the hearty support of the school authorities and of the patrons of the schools and are doing a splendid work in our system of popular education. The little children who attend are delighted; the mothers of these children have become thoroughly interested in the work, and have even gone so far to organize a mothers' club, with bendquarters at one of the kindergarten schools, and are giving the teachers their heartlest co-operation.

We believe that the kindergarten is destined to do more than any other department of public school work in the direction of moral instruction. To these schools the children are taken when they are very young and impressionable and are taught, first of all, the lesson of obedience in all things. They are ture's first and greatest law is the law of obedience. Obedience lies at the foundation of all systems of religion and dation of all character. If the little children of the land are taught this great lesson thoroughly, they will have the best and the only sure foundation upon which to build up the superstructure of moral and religious character.

Believing this as we firmly do, we are therefore, in favor of giving prominence to the kindergarten schools of mond, and we hope that they will not be stinted in the forthcoming appropriation. The more efficient the kindergar-tens become, the better it will be for the

Has Washington's Bible.

George W. Kendrick, Jr., has a Bible, printed by Charles Bell, London, in 1762, which was used for many years by Mar-tha Washington. The Bible came into the hands of the Confederate commander-infriends in the rural districts the impor-chief, Robert E. Lee, by direct descent, and gets along of feeding the birds during this and its disappearance in the days of the sun.

Civil War has always been more or less f a mystery. Mr. Kendrick, in speaking of the Bible

resterday, said:
"I have had the Bible for more than

"T have lind the Bible for more than recently years, Collectors say it is a price-bess possession. General Washington, as well as his wife, read from it. It contains the entry of many births in the Custls family, as well as that of General Robert 13. Lee, to whom it belonged. "Various members of the Lee family have claimed it, but I consider that only one of them, General Fitzhugh Lee, son of the Confederate leader, is entitled to posses the Bible. He has never asked for it. If he wishes the Bible be can have it.

"I would much prefer, though, that the Bible be placed in some public exhibit, such as the Smithsonian Institution. But, as I have already said, I would be willing to give it to General Fitzhugh Lee."— The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

This is a somewhat different story from that published by The Times-Dispatch some time ago. General Fitz Lee is, of course, not a son, but a nephew, of General Robert E. Lee. He informs us that the person who is entitled to claim this Bible is General G. W. Custis Lee in son of General R. E. Lee), whose postoffice address is Burk's, Fairfax county. Va.

Custis Lee graduated at the head of his class at West Point-one grade higher than his father had graduated-and was a major-general in the Confederate army, and for most of the war a member of the staff of President Davis.

The Arlington estate and property therein were sonal devised to Mrs. R. E. Lee by her father, George Washington Parke Custis, and after her to her son Custis. After the Arlington to the United States government. The personal property carried off when the Federals took possession of Arlington was not returned. This Bible is one piece of it, and inasmuch as it beongs to General G. W. Custls Lee, it should be returned to him.

We are pleased to see that "The Methedist," a denominational paper published in Danville, Va., has been greatly enlarged and improved. It now appears in eight-page form, and makes a splendid typographical appearance. Methodist" has been built up by the pluck and energy of Mr. E. G. Moseley, a consecrated layman. He started this paper with no hope of personal gain, his only idea being to promote the cause of the church in which he has for many years been an active worker. But his labors have been doubly rewarded. The Methodist has been an active force in religious exploitation throughout that section of the State, and in addition has developed into a good newspaper prop

The Hon, William Collins Whitney, who avas Mr. Cleveland's Secretary of the Navy in the years 1885-1880, had much to do with the formation of what is called 'the new navy!" There are several claimants for that honor, but it may be fairly said that to him belongs much of the credit which has given the United States a fleet of up-to-date war ships. Mr. Whitney declined reappointment during Claveland's second administration, being largely engrossed in various large business enterprises. He was personally popular, and there were many men active in politics who believed that he would come to the front as a presi-

dential candidate.

The open street car door is charged with bringing on pneumonia in many cases in the North. It is very likely. The draft that comes through such of car on a cold day is something awful to feeble persons. Strong, healthy men can't understand it. As a rule, street car conductors are polite and considerate men, but many of them do not know what it is to suffer from cold. Of course, car doors cannot be kept closed always, but they can be kept closed most of the

Judge Wellford has long been an instructor in this community, and has taught many valuable lessons, one of the most important of which is the art of growing old gracefully. Age has had upon him much the same effect that it has upon good fruit. It has brought him tion and developing its sweetness, and happy every man who shall follow his

It has become a custom in Baltimore for the Mayor and many other city officials to be furnished with flowers grown at the public expense in the city parks. A stop is to be put to this practice. The park board disapproves It, and so does the Mayor.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, is also going somewhat into the theatre closing business, and that is properly adjusting the hasp and the padlock on the stable door before the equine takes his depar-

Perhaps some of the objections to the Machen bill are because of the way its name is spelled. Machine bill might suit seme folks better.

They have a curious way of releasing prisoners over in England. They (the prisoners) seem to get lost in the shuf-

The Norfolk county incident is closed until the next election,

ginia since Christmas and the farmer man considers his work mightily delayed. Wonder if Mrs. Maybrick knows where

dispatches sent over this way. The Legislature found it easy enough to elect a judge for the Fourteenth Cir-

cult when the time came. Several newspapers, notably the Charlotte Observer, refuse to believe that Mr.

The Norfolk county "Straightouts" have the privilege of going 'way back

ade gets along pretty well with the help

and taking a chair.



GREAT WESTERN the Standard of American Wines. No dinner or ban-quet is so good but that Great Western will make it

Great Western will make it better.

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********************** Trend of Thought In Dixie Land

Plorida Times-Union:
The fact that Mr. Machen succeeded in saving \$2,000 a year out of a \$3,000 salary shewa why the atmosphere of the national capital is so congenial to many long-loaded individuals.

Montgomery Advertiser:
If Mr. Bryan has a right to tell Democruts what he wants, haven't they an
equal right to tell him what they don't
went? and one of the don'ts is W. J. B.

Nashvillo American:
Southern insurance companies appear
to be prospering. There is no reason
why they should not. Southern men are
nor lacking in brains, and there is no
scarcity of capital for enterprises which
promise a profit.

Columbia State:
We are glad that many Union soldiers are protesting against this shampless plot to pillage (the service pension bill). The advocates of this bill would reduce the rable and file of the Federal army to mere mercenaries, bent on spoils and finocent of a patriotic impulse. There is neither demand, reason nor precedent for the contemplated burgiary.

Austin (Texas) Statesman:

The State of New York proposes to make October 12 a legal holiday, to be known's as "Columbus Discovery Day," and then, of course, we ought to have auctior called "Americus Vespucius Day," and then another for the old Nozemen sailors, who really were the first to land in America. But we have holidays so numerous now that they siumble over each other.

Personal and General.

Thomas J. Green, who has just died in Springfield, Mass., was in Custer's celebrated battle with the Sloux on the Little Big Horn.

"Buffalo" Jones, in charge of the herd f buffalo in Yellowstone Park, is in of buffaio. Washington.

On Friday evening next the Washington Hebrew congregation will install Rabbi Abram Simon at the Eighth Street Temple. The new rabbi is not quite thirty-two years of age.

A. C. Bartlett, of Chicago, has just formally presented to the University of Chicago the Frank Dickinson Bartlett gymnasium, as a memorial to his son. It is said to be the best in the world.

Superintendent F. H. Baker, of the National Zoological Park, Washington, is building for the World's Fair, St. Louis, the largest bird cage in the world, which will be stocked with more than 1,000 birds of different varieties, Mr. Baker is also engaged in selecting the specimens.

A Few Foreign Facts.

A German physician recommends soap as a cure for sleeplessness. The soap lather must be allowed to dry on the skin before the patient goes to bed.

Since the campaign entered upon by the health authorities against the hordes of rats at the London docks, 255,372 have been destroyed.

Doctors in Vienna have certified that a six-year-old girl, who has just died, was born without a brain. She had never learnt to cat or to move without assist-

Bergen, Norway, boasts a paper church large enough to sent 1,000 persons. The building is rendered waterproof by a solution of quicklime, ourdied milk and white of eggs.

Goldish are of Chinese origin. They were originally found in a large lakenear Mount Tsientsing, and were first brought to Europe in the seventeenth centry. The first in France came as a present to Mme. de Pompadour. The Australian spiders of the genus Desis live in the crevices of rocks be-tween tidemarks on the shores, and by-spinning a closely woven sheet of slik

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Durham Herald says: One would have thought that this would have been the last section of the country to come over to Mr. Cleveland, but it really looks as if it is going to do that

The Greensboro Telegram remarks: Deportation of the negro is a difficult— some think impossible—undertaking, but in the light of the Ronoke horror it surely must seem less difficult, even to the most skeptical.

The Wilmington Star sarcastically re-

Marks: After all we must agree with William Jennings Bryan that it will be the best to recall in the Kansas City platform— best for Roosevelt.

The Winston-Salem Sentinel The winston-satem Science says:
The story of Mrs. Maybrick's release
proves untrue. She has been removed
from one prison to another. Had the lady
been sentenced to the North Carollina penitentiary she would have been released
long, long ago, you bet!

The Raleigh Times says: The Raleigh Times says:

If it could come to a real "show down" as to who favors and who opposes the position taken in the Senate by Mr. Simmons, the opposition would be consplcutus only on account of its smallness. Let's have the ditch while we can get it; then we will hear from those who feel called upon to exhort the people on the subject of secession, national honor and national designace.

A CLEANLY AGE.

Twentieth Century Ideas Incline Toward
Sanitation and Preventatives.
Nowadays scientists believe that in
cleanliness lies the secret of prevention
of diseases.
To prevent a disease, remove the cause.
Just as unclean habits breed many diseases, so careless habits will breed dandruff. Improper use of another's brushes, combs, etc., will surely cause dandruff,
and, in time, will just as surely cause
buildness. buildness.
It's microbic infection, nothing more

nor less. Newbro's Herpicide kills the dandruff germ, and causes hair to grow luxuriant-ly. Herpicide is absolutely free from grease Herpicide is absoluted, other injurious substances, Send 10c, in Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c, in stamps for sample to The Herpickle Co., Detroit, Mich. Owens & Minor Drug Co., special agent

THE RALEIGH **DISPENSARY**

Sales for the Month of January Amounted to More Than Eleven Thousand Dollars.

NEW CHARTERS GRANTED

President of Anti-Saloon League Makes Report-Wants \$1,000 for Campaign Purposes.

(Special to The T[mes-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 3.—The sales
by the Raleigh dispensary for January amounted to \$11,550, exceeding the ex pectations practically of everybody.

The report of President J. W. Balley of the North Carolina Anti-Saloo League, shows that \$1,000 was expended for campaign purposes during the past year, and that elections were held in twenty-eight towns, and twenty were car ried for temperance.

He says \$1,000 must be raised for the campaign during the coming year. The Executive Committee announces that they will continue their non-partisan policy, stand by the Watts law and advocate an anti-jury law for the whole State. NEW CHARLERS.

The Farmers' Trade House, of Win The Farmers' Trade House, of Win-ston-Salem, was chartered this morning with \$10,000 capital, to do a general mer-cantile business. The incorporators are J. F. Griffith, L. L. and R. E. Marshall. The Rose Hill Manufacturing Company, of Rose Hill, is chartered to manufacture. or Rose Hill, is chartered to manufacture fruit and berry crates, and they also have the right to make all kinds of furniture. The capital is \$20,000, and W. H. Fussell, J. C. Mallard, T. R. Hatcher, George W. Boney and Jessie Fussell are among the incorporators.

The Rocky Mount Publishing Company is chartered with \$500 capital, the prin-

is chartered with \$500 capital, the prin-cipal incorporator being T. H. Battle There are about twenty-five stock There are about twenty-five stock-holders, and the concern has authority

holders, and the concern has authority to publish a weekly newspaper.

Another charter is to the George W. Anthony Company, of Burlington, the capital boing \$100,000; to do a general lumber and contracting business, including the operation of machine shops, sash, door and blind factory, etc. The principal incorporators are Bedford Thompson and R. M. Thompson.

A notice of the dissolution of the Hall Wood Furniture Company of Oxford was filed. J. R. Wood was president and J. W. Wood secretary.

W. Wood secretary.

J. B. Powell is still in Jail in default of J. B. Powell is still in fail in default of \$1,000 bond, on the charge of using the mails to defraud, in claiming to be Jones & Powell, of Raleigh. The Southern Stove Works, of Rehmond, who shipped a car load of stoves to "Jones & Powell" on his order, have advised the government authorities that the shipment would not have been made but for the fact that Powell represented to them that it was his commercial rating that was given for "Jones & Powell" in Dunn and Bradtener Retriet Automay Skinner, 8878 his commercial rating that was given for "Jones & Powell" in Dunn and Brad-street. District Attorney Skinner, says he has a "bang up" case against Powell. Shipments of freight and express are still arriving for the mysterious firm.

KILLED WILLIAM SHELL.

Shelton Admits Guilt, But Declares He Did It Through Fear.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BAKERSYILLE, N. C., Feb. 2,—Lee
Shelton, of Madison county, who was
falled there Monday on the charge of killing and robbing William Shell about January 27th, has admitted his guilt. There
was much excitement over the arrest, and
it was feared that the prisoner would not
reach fail alive, but no actual attempt
at lynching was made. Shell, who had
about \$100 on his person, was last seen at
Montezuma, N. C., in company with Shelton. In a few duys his dead body was
found with eight bullet holes in it.

It was apparent that Shell had been
fired on while lying down to drink from
a branch. Shelton claims that he killed
Shell because he was afraid of him. No
money was found on the dead man's body.

KNOCK-OUT BLOW.

Blood Poison Set in and Beard's Assailant Put Under Bond.

Assailant Put Under Bond.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Feb. 3.—A
few nights ago J. W. Beard, of Boone's

Bill, Va., and W. Worth, of Mt. Alry,
this State, became invoived in a dispute
over polities, when Worth knocked Board
down, In falling the latter injured a sore
hone, blood poison developed and Beard's
condition to-night is serious, very little
hope being entertained for his recovery.
He is at the hospital here. Both men
are members of prominent families, Worth
was arrested this afternoon and required
to put up a bond for \$1,000.

Insurance Man Arrested.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. Feb. 3.—
Charles B. Compton agent for The Mutual Life Ingurance Company of New
York, was ariested here to-day on the
charge of collecting several hundred dollars and failing to make proper returns
of game. A representative of the company came here and had Compton arrested. The defendant was curried to
Riedsville to-night for trial, he having
collected gome of the money in Rockingham county. Compton is a young man
and is well connected. His home is in
Caswell county.

Sale of Factory.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINSTON-SALIGM, N. C., Feb. 3.—The
Liliptert-Scales Company, one of this city's
largest Independent tobacco manufacturing concerns the property of the second state of the second state of the second state of the second s

Lee Shell Captured.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHDVILLE, N. C., Feb. 3.—Lee Shell, who ambushed and killed Will Shelton near Pinela last week, has been captured and is now in fall at Bakersylle, N. C. He has confessed to the murder. Shelton was shot eight times while drinking at a spring, and then robbed.

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Write for due prices.

Voice of People

and

Issues of the Day

Russell's Income Tax Russell's Income Tax.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir,—I find in your issue of this morning a list of counties which returned no incomes for taxation for the year 1800 and observe that it includes the county of Russell. As a citizen of that county, temporarily sojourning in Richmond, I beg to state that I paid an income tax last year, and know of others in the county who did, among them one man who reported an income of about \$80,000.

Upon investigation of the returns in the auditor's office it was discovered that the commissioner of revenue got his figures in the wrong column on the property book, so that the incomes appear as other personal property, and were so taxed, giving rise to the necessity of proceedings in court for the correction of erroneous assessments, which are now pending. I trust you will publish this statement in justice to my county.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 3d.

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What Became of Those on Canal Boat Evacuation Day?

Editor of The Times-Dispatch.
Sir,—At the time of the evacuation of Richmond, (April, 1865). It belonged to the corps of cadets. On the Sunday of the evacuation (April 2d) the cadets were scattered for a long distance on the vidette post between Fort Gilmer and vidette post between Fort Glimer and Fort Harrison. They were marched to Richmond, arriving there a little after nightfall. They were addressed by Governor Smith, who dismissed and disbanded them, telling them the bridges were all burnt, and they would have to take care of themselves the best way they could gitter making their way to to take care of themselves the best way they could, either muking their way to their homes or to the army, as they saw fit. Tom (now senator) Martin was my messmate, and he and I went hurriedly to the barracks to try to save some of our better clothes. Everything was in great confusion, fires and explosions going on all over the city, with the looting and disorder usual under such the country was made our way from 'Phone 2848. the looting and disorder usual under such circumstances. We made our way from the barracks to the river, intending to make our way up the river as best we could. When we reached the canal (about the old packet boat landing, I think) we, with some others, were accosted by a party of State officials, who urged us to

with some others, were accosted by a party of State officials, who urged us to help them load the State papers on a canal boat, which they had secured for the purpose. They had great difficulty in persuading even a few persons to stop and help them, as every one was eager to get away from the city. We, however, with only two others, I believe, helped them, working till 3 or 4 o'clock Monday morning to load the boat with these papers. It then started for Columbia, Fluvanna county, which was as far as the canal was in order then, we being promised our passage so far in return for work and risk. When the boat started, we went inside, completely exhausted, and fell asleep on some of the packages of papers, thinking we were safely on our way to Columbia. Unfortunately, however, the boat sank when only a few miles from Richmond, and we had to abandon it, thankful to have escaped drowning. I never heard afterwards what became of this boatload of papers, and do not even know what papers they were. We were boys of seventeen, unacquainted with the persons in charge of these papers, and had only to take their assurance that they were valuable State papers, I write this to show that even at this time of horror the State officials did their utmost to guard what they coasidered a sacred trust, and to ask if it is not possible that some of these papers may have been rescued and may still be in existence?

J. CABELL EARLY.

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The Oyster Question,

The Oyster Question,

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sit,—Being a subscriber to your valuable paper and having read such able and unblased articles in your columns—so fair in doing justice to our section of country (Tidewater Virginia)—and beileving you to be conducting your paper on a high plane of honesty and fairness, I take the privilege of writing you a few incia in connection with our county and the great oyster question, that has been in agitation so constantly that you and your many readers may better comprehend the true status of affairs when you see facts and figures put close together. I have been honored to be elected president of the Oysterers Protection Union of Tidewater, and I will be state that our union is not for evil, but sooley to protect our interest in a loyal and honorable manner. I have nothing to do but what is honest and honorable, and I only propose to deal in facts.

The question of revenue to the State has been Mr. Jordan's plea before the Logislature in trying to set support from that body of gentlemen, and the revenue question is the one I want to deal with. I wrote to each and every county clerk in Tidewater, asking them to furnish me a list of all parties leasing planting grounds and the number of acres as shown by the records of their iespective county, clerk in Tidewater, from six county clerks; also encosing a full list of all parties leasing planting grounds and the number of acres as shown by the records of their iespective county, clerk in the General Assembly and the Governor of the State. For example, I will herewith furnish a statement show ing the clerks reports to me and the Poard of Fisheries' reports to me and the Roard of Fisheries' r

Wood's Seed Book.

Wood's seed book for 1994, a handsome is and valuable descriptive catalogue issued by T. W Wood & Sons, growers and processed from the clerks of the above six comparison of this city, has just appeared from the press.

The book is unquestionably one of the bost seed catalogues issued. It has been very carefully compiled and is full of information which farmers and gardeners specially appreciate. It gives the most valuable and up-to-date information about all garden and farm crops. The catalogues has yearly exerted a great influence in giving farmers and gardeners a correct knowledge as to the bost crops to grow his bottoms therein to planters. For did the South. The present issue is perhaps the most valuable that has ever appeared in the South. The present issue is perhaps the most valuable that has ever appeared in the South. The present issue is perhaps the most valuable that has ever appeared in the south. The present issue is perhaps the most valuable that has ever appeared in the south the follow of the state's hoping to increase her revenue between the follow of the South. The present issue is perhaps the most valuable that has ever appeared in the South. The present issue is perhaps the most valuable that has ever appeared in the south of the collect as per the plots on record in the county clerks offices. Furthermore, I wish to give a few facts as taken from the Board of Fisheries' report in reference to revenue received from tax on planted shells and oysters, by which I hope to demonstrate the folloy of the state's hoping to increase her revenue by breaking the Bajor Survey to lease the state own the Atlantic Ocean and the wood of the work of the state's hoping to increase her revenue by breaking the Bajor Survey to lease the state own the Atlantic Ocean and the state's hoping to increase her revenue by breaking the Bajor Survey to lease the state own the Atlantic Ocean and the state's hoping to demonstrate the folloy of the state's hoping to increase her revenue by breaking the Bajo

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I will now proceed with this other list of revenue from planted shells and oysters, as taken from the Board of Fishers, as taken from the Board of Fishers, as taken from the Board of Fishers, as taken from the Grace of Fishers, as taken from the Board of Fishers, as taken from the Grace of Fishers, as taken from the offset;

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rurthermore have county. Represented the county and string George county, in which the cierks of said counties refer me to the inspectors of their counties to get a list of planting ground, claiming that many of the largest planters did not record their plats and that the inspector was the only one could furnish me a list.

I wish to call special attention to the fact that Elizabeth county, Narsomond county, Norfolk county, Norfolk city district, Princess Anne county and Surry county, all of which border around and about Norfolk city and including the largest planters in the State, do not pay one cent tax on planted shells and oysters; and also Lancastor county and Westmoreland county, in which large planters reside and do business (some of which testified before the investigating cemmittee in Richmond in November last, advicating the breaking of the Baylor Survey), the two countles combined pay only slight, and have 8,031 acres of planting ground. I wish to place these facts before the public and let them, along with those of the General Assembly who may read this, decide what is best to do, instead of depriving Tidewater people of their source of living to supply a revenue that is already supplied, so far as the people of and Tidewater is concerned. Plut out a way for the county recorded in the county recorded in the county recorded in the county recorded in the county recorded all plats of planting ground to be recorded in the county recorded in the county recorded all plats of planting ground to be recorded in the county recorded in the county recorded all plats of planting ground to be recorded in the county records and compet all plats of planting ground to be recorded in the county records and compet all plats of planting ground to be recorded in the county records and compet all plats of planting ground to be recorded in the county records and compet all plats of planting ground to be recorded. The propose of and Tidewater is concerned. Plut out a way for the county records a compet all plats of plantin

Harmony Village, Feb. 1. Miss ida Cleaton, daughter of Captain J. W. Mosby, of the Southern Railway Company, has been visiting her grand-parents at No. 3103 East Broad Street.

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